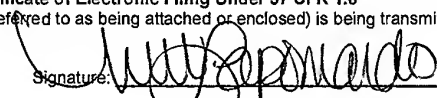


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Applicant: Rudolf Gilmanshin
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RESPONSE TO TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Madam:

In response to the Telephone Interview Summary mailed December 10, 2008, Applicant submits the following Telephone Interview Summary.

On December 2, 2008, Applicant's representative (the undersigned) conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Bertagna regarding the Advisory Action mailed on November 17, 2008.

The reasons for non-entry of the Amendment (filed November 4, 2008), as outlined in the Advisory Action, were discussed during the interview. More specifically, Applicant's representative questioned why further consideration and/or search were required since the claim amendments made in the Amendment addressed the issues raised by the Examiner and, in Applicant's opinion, adopted the amendments suggested by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action (dated September 4, 2008). Moreover, given that the claim scope was narrower than the claims as previously pending, and since this application has received four Office Actions during pendency (including two Final Office Actions), Applicant's representative

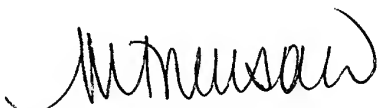
expressed surprise that the art had not yet been fully searched. The Examiner stated that a new search was warranted because the claim amendments could not be anticipated. Applicant's representative maintained that the prior art searches conducted by the Examiner in the preparation of the prior Office Actions should have encompassed all of the art relating to the amended claims of narrower scope.

Applicant's representative was instructed to call the Examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion, and/or Primary Examiner, Ken Horlick, but she declined, deciding instead to file a Request for Continued Examination in a good faith effort to move prosecution in this case.

CONCLUSION

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,



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